Animal Mutilations and UFOs: What's the Connection?

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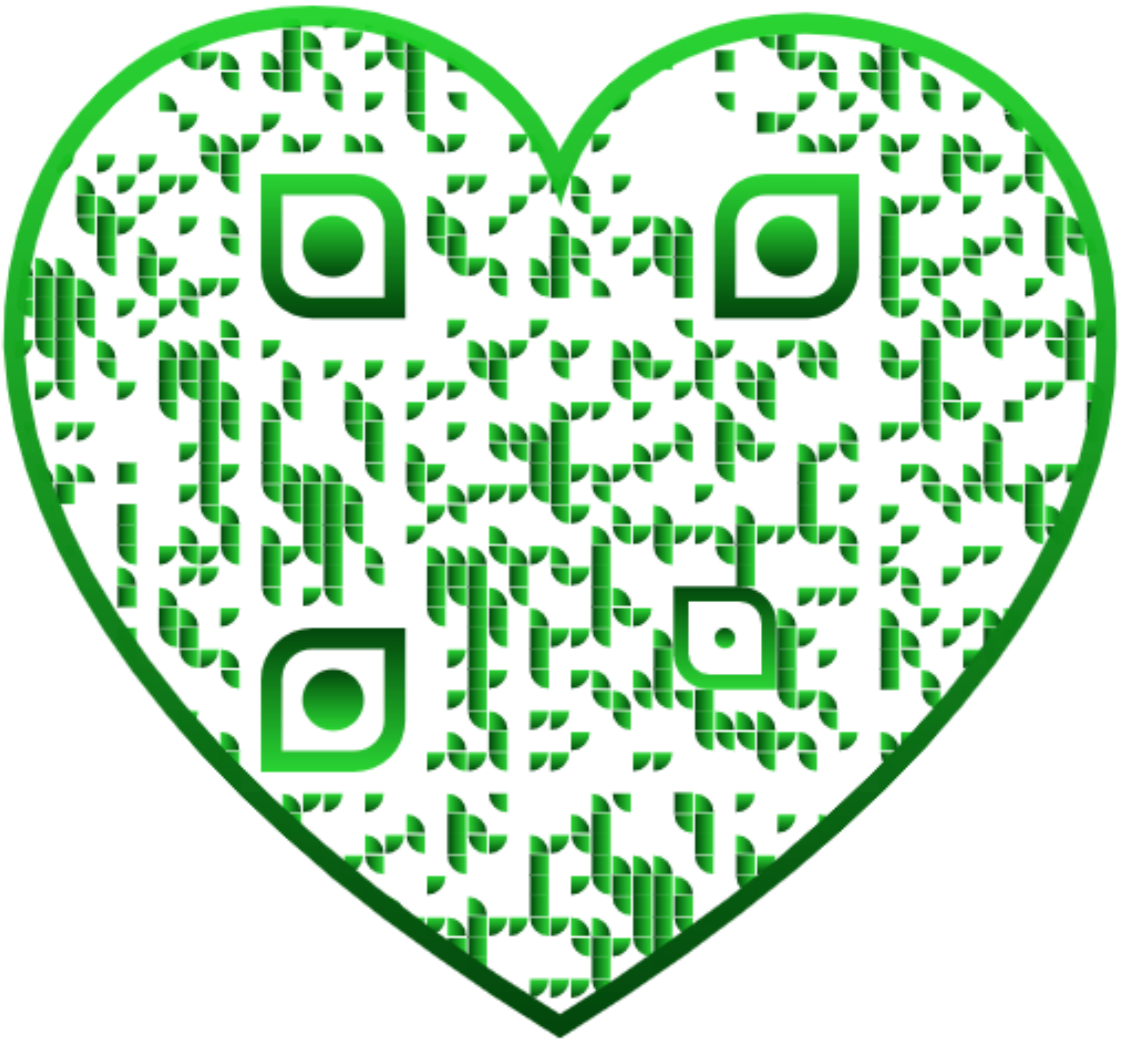


Introduction

- Sooner or later, a UFO researcher comes across animal mutilations. They are part of the UFO literature.
- But are they really related to UFO events?
- What does the evidence tell us?
- What is an animal mutilation event?
- What are the theories to account for these events?
- What is the UFO connection, if any?
- To start, let's summarize the animal mutilation evidence, look at some Oregon cases, and then the UFO connection.
- Then we'll see which of five theories fits best.

Evidence Summary (1)

- An animal, usually a steer, heifer, or cow, is found dead and mutilated in a pasture.
- The farmer or rancher immediately understands from the circumstances that this is a strange death and "mutilation."
- He/she reports it to authorities. Authorities sometimes agree with the strangeness. Sometimes veterinarians are called in. Sometimes vet labs are involved.
- There may be a number of cases in a week or two in a 25 to 50 mile radius or so.
- There may be reports of UFOs, "helicopters," aircraft, strange beings — "men" or bigfoot types or strange "animals" — and strange sounds or lights.

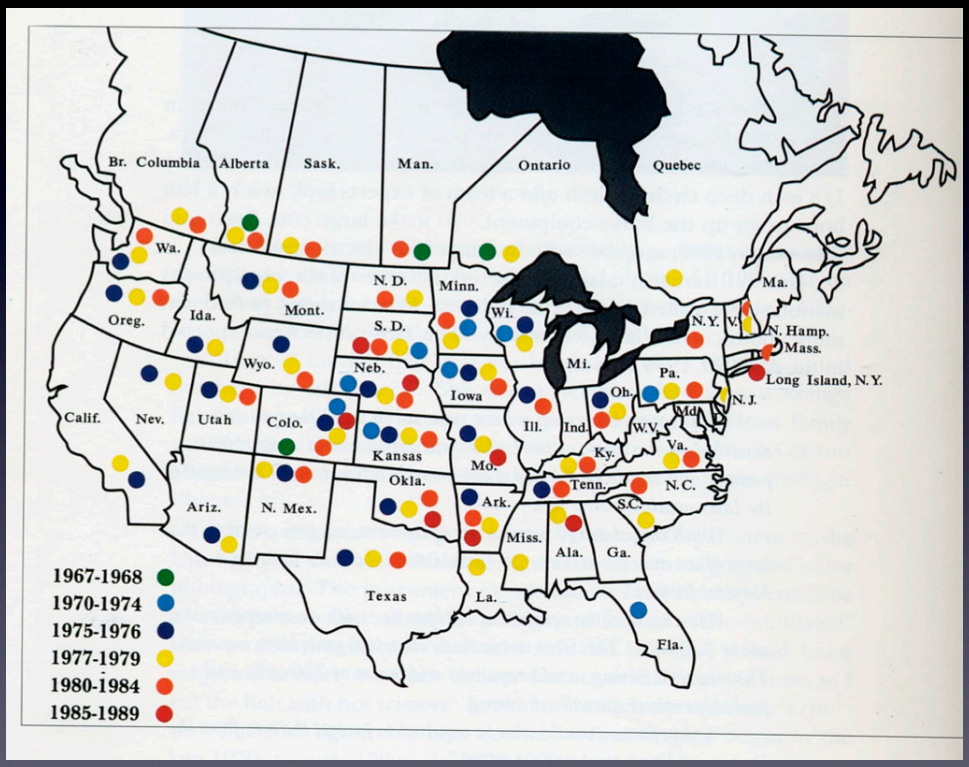
Evidence Summary (2)

- The animal death is sudden, overnight. Animal is healthy one day; dead and mutilated the next.
- The animal's eye(s), ear(s), genitals, internal organs, skin, tongue, lips, anus, tail, etc., are absent.
- The excision site is often cut as if with a sharp instrument and may show "cookie cutter"/"pinking shears" serrations.
- Blood is usually curiously absent at the excision sites, though blood does show up internally somewhat in an autopsy.
- Tracks of animals, humans, vehicles, etc., do not lead to or away from the mutilated animal whether in snow, mud, wet grass, etc.

Evidence Summary (3)

- Almost always no sign of struggle on the animal or around it on the ground.
- Bones of steers and cows are sometimes broken.
- Very occasionally mutilated animals are found draped in trees or on fences, or even in the middle of a pond.
- Usually, other animals (cows, steers, predators, etc.) will not approach the mutilated animal for longer than the usual time.
- The carcass usually takes much longer to decay than normal.
- Many times, the rancher/farmer knows that access to a mutilated animal was only through locked gates that are still locked.

Evidence Summary (4)

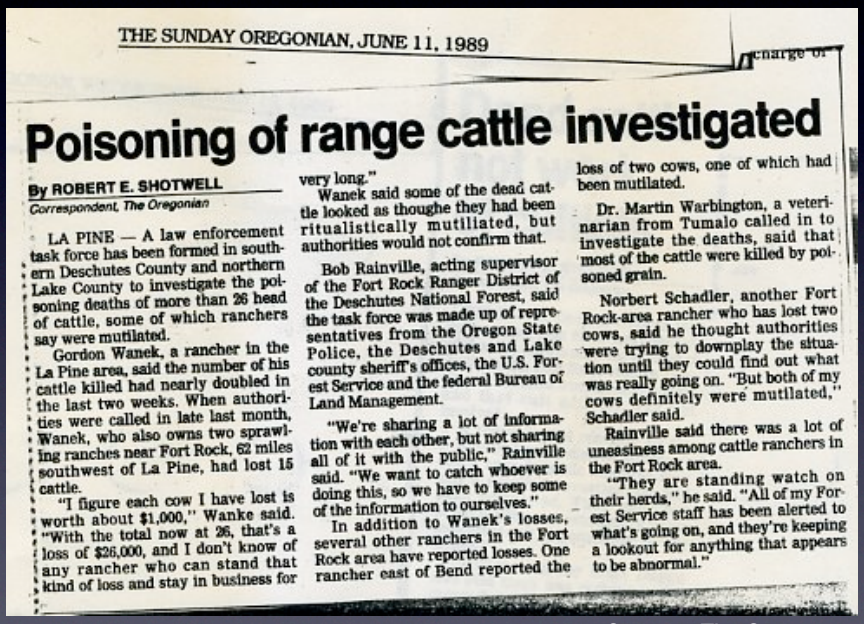


Source: *An Alien Harvest*

Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (1)

- ***When and where:*** Spring and summer 1989, near Bend, La Pine, and Fort Rock, Oregon.
- ***Evidence:*** About 35 carcasses of cattle, photos, District Attorney report.
- ***Description:*** Rancher Gordon Wanek and others of La Pine, Oregon, lost at least 35 cattle to "cult mutilation." The cattle were fine in the morning and dead the next day. Many ranchers were "standing watch" over their herds the concern was so great.
- Veterinarian Dr. Martin Warbington looked at Gordon Wanek's cattle and called the deaths poisoning.

Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (2)



THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, JUNE 11, 1989

Poisoning of range cattle investigated

By ROBERT E. SHOTWELL
Correspondent, The Oregonian

LA PINE — A law enforcement task force has been formed in southern Deschutes County and northern Lake County to investigate the poisoning deaths of more than 26 head of cattle, some of which ranchers say were mutilated.

Gordon Wanek, a rancher in the La Pine area, said the number of his cattle killed had nearly doubled in the last two weeks. When authorities were called in late last month, Wanek, who also owns two sprawling ranches near Fort Rock, 62 miles southwest of La Pine, had lost 15 cattle.

"I figure each cow I have lost is worth about $1,000," Wanke said. "With the total now at 26, that's a loss of $26,000, and I don't know of any rancher who can stand that kind of loss and stay in business for very long."

Wanek said some of the dead cattle looked as thoughe they had been ritualistically mutiliated, but authorities would not confirm that.

Bob Rainville, acting supervisor of the Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest, said the task force was made up of representatives from the Oregon State Police, the Deschutes and Lake county sheriff's offices, the U.S. Forest Service and the federal Bureau of Land Management.

"We're sharing a lot of information with each other, but not sharing all of it with the public," Rainville said. "We want to catch whoever is doing this, so we have to keep some of the information to ourselves."

In addition to Wanek's losses, several other ranchers in the Fort Rock area have reported losses. One rancher east of Bend reported the loss of two cows, one of which had been mutilated.

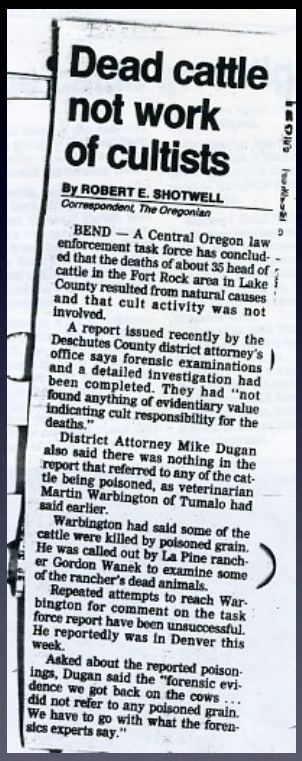
Dr. Martin Warbington, a veterinarian from Tumalo called in to investigate the deaths, said that most of the cattle were killed by poisoned grain.

Norbert Schadler, another Fort Rock-area rancher who has lost two cows, said he thought authorities were trying to downplay the situation until they could find out what was really going on. "But both of my cows definitely were mutilated," Schadler said.

Rainville said there was a lot of uneasiness among cattle ranchers in the Fort Rock area.

"They are standing watch on their herds," he said. "All of my Forest Service staff has been alerted to what's going on, and they're keeping a lookout for anything that appears to be abnormal."

Source: *The Oregonian*



Dead cattle not work of cultists

By ROBERT E. SHOTWELL
Correspondent, The Oregonian

BEND — A Central Oregon law enforcement task force has concluded that the deaths of about 35 head of cattle in the Fort Rock area in Lake County resulted from natural causes and that cult activity was not involved.

A report issued recently by the Deschutes County district attorney's office says forensic examinations and a detailed investigation had been completed. They had "not found anything of evidentiary value indicating cult responsibility for the deaths."

District Attorney Mike Dugan also said there was nothing in the report that referred to any of the cattle being poisoned, as veterinarian Martin Warbington of Tumalo had said earlier.

Warbington had said some of the cattle were killed by poisoned grain. He was called out by La Pine rancher Gordon Wanek to examine some of the rancher's dead animals.

Repeated attempts to reach Warbington for comment on the task force report have been unsuccessful. He reportedly was in Denver this week.

Asked about the reported poisonings, Dugan said the "forensic evidence we got back on the cows ... did not refer to any poisoned grain. We have to go with what the forensics experts say."

Source: *The Oregonian*

Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (3)

- Bob Rainville of the Forest Service said the authorities were looking into the problem, but not sharing all information. Assumption was "satanic cult" killings.
- The Deschutes and Lake County sheriff's offices, Oregon State Police, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM formed a task force to look into the mutilations.
- By July 12, Deschutes County district attorney Mike Dugan issued the official task force report stating that poisoning and cult activity were not responsible for the cattle deaths.
- The official report was not made public at the time and apparently remains "secret" to this day. UFO researchers Greg Long and Tom Adams could not obtain reports at the time.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (1)

- ***When and where:*** June to October 1990, outside of Vancouver, WA, along the Columbia River on New Columbia Garden Farms, Inc., property.
- ***Evidence:*** Five carcasses of cattle, photos, veterinarian examination, OSU Diagnostic Veterinary Lab report.
- ***Description:*** Owner Richard Fazio found eventually five cattle mysteriously mutilated on his property. He called the Clark County sheriff's office. They investigated, but never suspected or prosecuted anyone for killing the cattle by cutting out hunks of them.
- Investigators Carlo Sposito and Keith Rowell in cooperation with the Clark County sheriff's department pursued the investigation.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (2)

New Columbia Garden Farms, Inc. property

Mutilated cattle locations shown by red stars.

Source: Google Maps

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (3)

- Vancouver veterinarian Randy Lee oversaw the dissection of the last mutilated cow (#4).
- Tissue samples were sent to the Oregon State University Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory.
- The mutilated cattle were clustered within a mile in three different fenced pastures.
- Cow #1 was discovered by a field hand. Fazio called the sheriff's department. They took information and called Randy Lee to examine it. He found no bullet holes.
- Cow #2 was discovered by another field hand. Fazio called in Sposito and Rowell since the sheriff's department was not interested any longer.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (4)

- Fazio, Sposito, and Rowell discovered cow #3 in the same field. Cursory examination was made and photos were taken. Cow #3 was in rigor mortis (dead within 36 hours earlier).
- Cow #4 (a steer) was discovered by Fazio north of #1, #2, and #3. Sposito, Rowell, Fazio, and Lee participated in a dissection. Blood samples and tissue samples were taken. Video and photos were taken.
- All cattle showed at least some of the typical anomalous cattle mutilation characteristics: removal of eye(s), ear(s), tongue, hide around the mouth, rectum, udder, vagina, penis, belly skin, sometimes inner organs, etc.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (5)

- In October, Sposito interviewed two women neighbors of the New Columbia Garden Farms property.
- The neighbors were well acquainted with "normal" farm machinery sounds during the day and night.
- However, during the general timeframe of the mutilations in late summer, they heard strange sounds that they could not reasonably attribute to "normal" farm machinery sounds.
- Sposito also located and interviewed a woman who worked as a late night custodian at a local Vancouver business. One evening driving home in the AM she was startled by a "little man" apparently carrying a "flashlight" in the same pasture as mutilations #1, #2, and #3.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (6)

WARNING: The next slides show graphic evidence of a mutilated cow (steer).

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (7)

Cow #4
(steer)

Eye Is Missing

Source: Keith Rowell

Penis and Rectum
Are Missing

Source: Keith Rowell

Source: Keith Rowell

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (8)

Cow #4

Source: Keith Rowell

Part of Lips and Tongue Missing

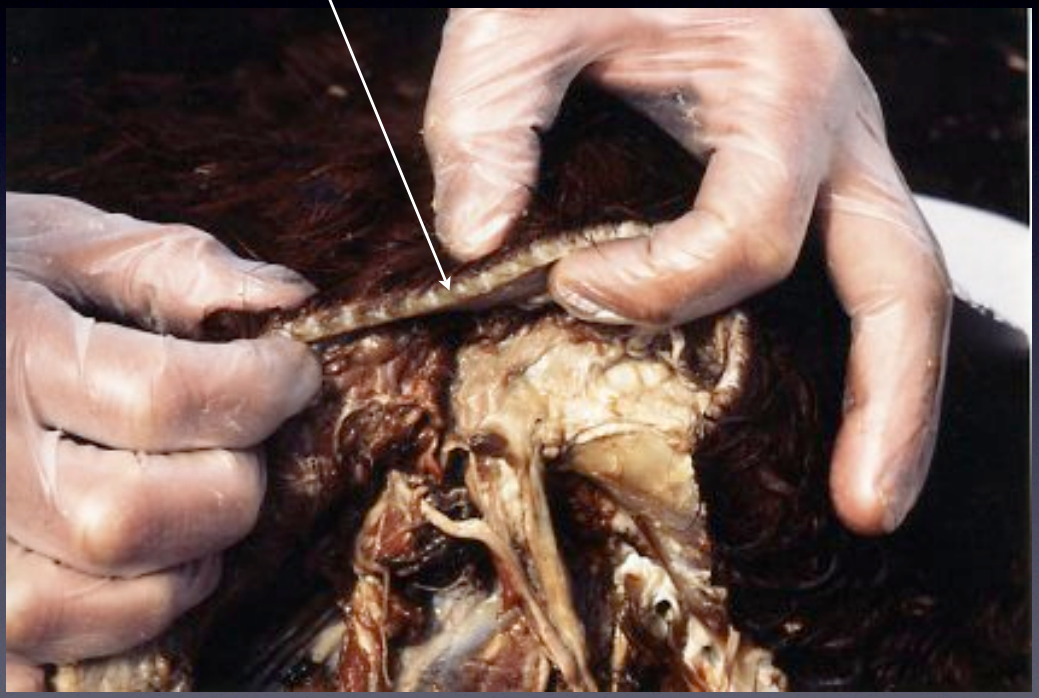
Belly Skin Missing with Classic Serrated Excision

Source: Keith Rowell

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (9)

Cow #4

Classic "cookie cutter" (serrated), non-scavenger-caused excision, heat hardened. Not natural! Can only be caused by humans or UFO intelligence(!?).



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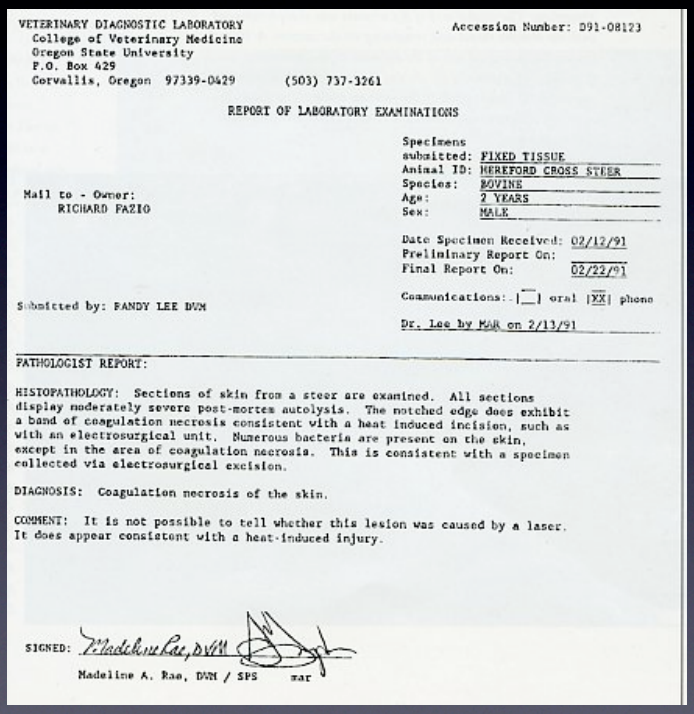
Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (10)

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Report, OSU



VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY
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Accession Number: 091-08123

REPORT OF LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

Specimens submitted: FIXED TISSUE
Animal ID: HEREFORD CROSS STEER
Species: BOVINE
Age: 2 YEARS
Sex: MALE

Mail to - Owner:
RICHARD FAZIO

Date Specimen Received: 02/12/91
Preliminary Report On:
Final Report On: 02/22/91

Submitted by: RANDY LEE DVM

Communications: |__| oral |XX| phone

Dr. Lee by MAR on 2/13/91

PATHOLOGIST REPORT:

HISTOPATHOLOGY: Sections of skin from a steer are examined. All sections display moderately severe post-mortem autolysis. The notched edge does exhibit a band of coagulation necrosis consistent with a heat induced incision, such as with an electrosurgical unit. Numerous bacteria are present on the skin, except in the area of coagulation necrosis. This is consistent with a specimen collected via electrosurgical excision.

DIAGNOSIS: Coagulation necrosis of the skin.

COMMENT: It is not possible to tell whether this lesion was caused by a laser. It does appear consistent with a heat-induced injury.

SIGNED: Madeline Rae, DVM

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Source: *Glimpses of Other Realities*

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (11)

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Report, OSU

Randy Lee sent a tissue specimen consisting of "fixed tissue" from a "hereford cross steer" male, 2 years old, which was received by the lab on 12 February 1991. Madeline A Rae, DVM, signed the "Report of Laboratory Examinations".

The “Pathologist Report” states:

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Evidence: UFO Connection (1)

- "UFOs" are many times, but not always, in the general area of the scene of a mutilation crime.
- The connection is strong enough that many newspaper articles include UFO reports along with the mutilations reports.
- Over the years, a few reports have surfaced of people seeing UFOs in the same or adjacent fields before a mutilation is discovered.
- The very first well-publicized mutilation — the horse "Snippy" in Colorado — included UFO reports, too.
- Here are just a few news reports of mutilations with UFOs:

Evidence: UFO Connection (2)

The Pueblo Chieftain, *Pueblo, Colorado, Saturday, October 7, 1967*

The Pueblo Chieftain

The Daily / The Sunday — 96th Year — Pueblo, Colorado, Saturday, October 7, 1967

SIGHTINGS REPORTED

Dead Horse Riddle Sparks UFO Buffs

By THE CHIEFTAIN STAFF

ALAMOSA (C-SJ)—The death of a horse in the San Luis Valley during early September appeared Friday to have sparked a renewed interest in unidentified flying objects throughout the West.

In Houston, Tex., a group of UFO enthusiasts left Friday night for the San Luis Valley to inspect the dead horse and also to investigate many reported UFO sightings in the valley.

A Texas radio station reported a flood of calls Friday morning after broadcasting the story of the bizarre death of the Appaloosa owned by Mr. and Mrs. Berle Lewis of Alamosa.

The horse was found dead Sept. 9. The flesh and hide were stripped from the neck and skull leaving the remainder of the body intact. High levels of radiation also were reported in the area of the animal's body.

See "Something"

Lewis, the owner of the horse, said that increased sightings of UFOs in the area have been noted during the past six weeks. "We see something — I won't say what it is—every night."

In the Houston area at 6:08 p.m. Friday, UFO seekers said they spotted two high-flying cigar-shaped objects — each about half the size of a football field—on a course "plotted" to take them over the Southern Colorado area.

In Boulder, James Wadsworth, research investigator for the University of Colorado UFO project, said an investigator will go to the San Luis Valley this weekend to investigate the horse's death.

Mrs. Charles Blundell, wife of the maintenance crew foreman at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Friday said the latest sightings brought back to her mind a curious incident which happened to her in late 1966.

Mrs. Blundell said she saw a crescent-shaped object over the Sand Dunes last December. Later she painted a picture of what she had seen.

"Peculiar Man"

During the past summer, a "peculiar man" approached her and asked to buy the painting. She said she did not want to sell, but did set an exorbitant price on the painting. She said the man, who said he was "not of your world," told her he would return in October to buy the painting. He has not returned.

The UFO seen by Mrs. Blundell glowed brightly. It also was seen by her daughter, Terri, 14, and neighbors. Mrs. Blundell says she does not believe in flying saucers and believes there is a logical explanation.

Similar Sighting

A week ago, scientists at the National Atmospheric Research Center near Palestine, Tex., reported seeing a crescent-shaped object in the sky, much like the object described by Mrs. Blundell.

Texas observers also have reported a sharp increase in sightings of UFOs in the area during the past two weeks.

One thing is certain in Southern Colorado. Saucers may or may not exist, but people are seeing something, Snippy the Appaloosa is dead, and the circumstances surrounding his death are far from clear.

Source: *An Alien Harvest*

Evidence: UFO Connection (3)

Argus Leader, *Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 30, 1974*

Mutilated Livestock, Strange Flying Objects Reported In Nebraska

By The Associated Press

Mutilated livestock, unauthorized helicopters and unidentified flying objects have residents wondering and worrying in some areas of Nebraska.

"Doors are locked and guns are loaded" in rural Oakland, according to one resident.

A quarterhorse was found mutilated Sunday three miles southeast of Norfolk on the Warren Papstein farm.

This was the fifth animal killed and mutilated in Madison County under mysterious circumstances. Four head of cattle have been found with their sex organs cut out, in addition one steer had one eye, one ear, its nose, mouth and tongue chopped off.

The killings have been reported all over the state. Similar cases have been reported in Texas, Iowa and other Midwestern states.

Each case involves the removal of the animals sex organs.

In Antelope County, Omer Hoffman, four miles west of Clearwater, reported five head of cattle have been mutilated on his ranch.

Law enforcement officials are puzzled by the killings. Madison County Sheriff Marvin Adams says that the ones he has investigated have been done by people, probably a cult of some kind.

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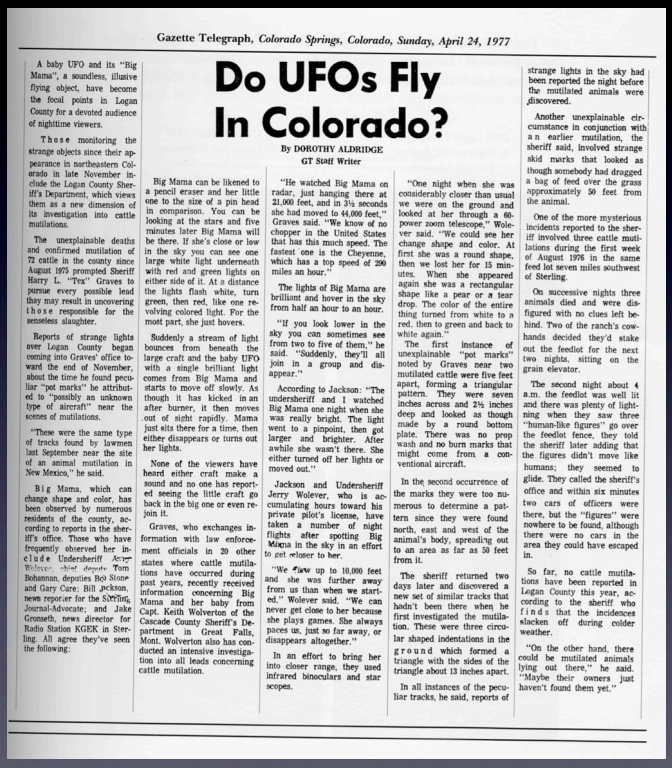


Gazette Telegraph, *Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sunday, April 24, 1977*

Do UFOs Fly In Colorado?

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE
GT Staff Writer

A baby UFO and its "Big Mama", a soundless, illusive flying object, have become the focal points in Logan County for a devoted audience of nighttime viewers.

Those monitoring the strange objects since their appearance in northeastern Colorado in late November include the Logan County Sheriff's Department, which views them as a new dimension of its investigation into cattle mutilations.

The unexplainable deaths and confirmed mutilation of 72 cattle in the county since August 1975 prompted Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves to pursue every possible lead thay may result in uncovering those responsible for the senseless slaughter.

Reports of strange lights over Logan County began coming into Graves' office toward the end of November, about the time he found peculiar "pot marks" he attributed to "possibly an unknown type of aircraft" near the scenes of mutilations.

"These were the same type of tracks found by lawmen last September near the site of an animal mutilation in New Mexico," he said.

Big Mama, which can change shape and color, has been observed by numerous residents of the county, according to reports in the sheriff's office. Those who have frequently observed her include Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, chief deputy Tom Bohannan, deputies Bob Stone and Gary Cure; Bill Jackson, news reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate; and Jake Gronseth, news director for Radio Station KGEK in Sterling. All agree they've seen the following:

Big Mama can be likened to a pencil eraser and her little one to the size of a pin head in comparison. You can be looking at the stars and five minutes later Big Mama will be there. If she's close or low in the sky you can see one large white light underneath with red and green lights on either side of it. At a distance the lights flash white, turn green, then red, like one revolving colored light. For the most part, she just hovers.

Suddenly a stream of light bounces from beneath the large craft and the baby UFO with a single brilliant light comes from Big Mama and starts to move off slowly. As though it has kicked in an after burner, it then moves out of sight rapidly. Mama just sits there for a time, then either disappears or turns out her lights.

None of the viewers have heard either craft make a sound and no one has reported seeing the little craft go back in the big one or even rejoin it.

Graves, who exchanges information with law enforcement officials in 20 other states where cattle mutilations have occurred during past years, recently received information concerning Big Mama and her baby from Capt. Keith Wolverton of the Cascade County Sheriff's Department in Great Falls, Mont. Wolverton also has conducted an intensive investigation into all leads concerning cattle mutilation.

"He watched Big Mama on radar, just hanging there at 21,000 feet, and in 3½ seconds she had moved to 44,000 feet," Graves said. "We know of no chopper in the United States that has this much speed. The fastest one is the Cheyenne, which has a top speed of 290 miles an hour."

The lights of Big Mama are brilliant and hover in the sky from half an hour to an hour.

"If you look lower in the sky you can sometimes see from two to five of them," he said. "Suddenly, they'll all join in a group and disappear."

According to Jackson: "The undersheriff and I watched Big Mama one night when she was really bright. The light went to a pinpoint, then got larger and brighter. After awhile she wasn't there. She either turned off her lights or moved out."

Jackson and Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, who is accumulating hours toward his private pilot's license, have taken a number of night flights after spotting Big Mama in the sky in an effort to get closer to her.

"We flew up to 10,000 feet and she was further away from us than when we started," Wolever said. "We can never get close to her because she plays games. She always paces us, just so far away, or disappears altogether."

In an effort to bring her into closer range, they used infrared binoculars and star scopes.

"One night when she was considerably closer than usual we were on the ground and looked at her through a 60-power zoom telescope," Wolever said. "We could see her change shape and color. At first she was a round shape, then we lost her for 15 minutes. When she appeared again she was a rectangular shape like a pear or a tear drop. The color of the entire thing turned from white to a red, then to green and back to white again."

The first instance of unexplainable "pot marks" noted by Graves near two mutilated cattle were five feet apart, forming a triangular pattern. They were seven inches across and 2½ inches deep and looked as though made by a round bottom plate. There was no prop wash and no burn marks that might come from a conventional aircraft.

In the second occurrence of the marks they were too numerous to determine a pattern since they were found north, east and west of the animal's body, spreading out to an area as far as 50 feet from it.

The sheriff returned two days later and discovered a new set of similar tracks that hadn't been there when he first investigated the mutilation. These were three circular shaped indentations in the ground which formed a triangle with the sides of the triangle about 13 inches apart.

In all instances of the peculiar tracks, he said, reports of strange lights in the sky had been reported the night before the mutilated animals were discovered.

Another unexplainable circumstance in conjunction with an earlier mutilation, the sheriff said, involved strange skid marks that looked as though somebody had dragged a bag of feed over the grass approximately 50 feet from the animal.

One of the more mysterious incidents reported to the sheriff involved three cattle mutilations during the first week of August 1976 in the same feed lot seven miles southwest of Sterling.

On successive nights three animals died and were disfigured with no clues left behind. Two of the ranch's cowhands decided they'd stake out the feedlot for the next two nights, sitting on the grain elevator.

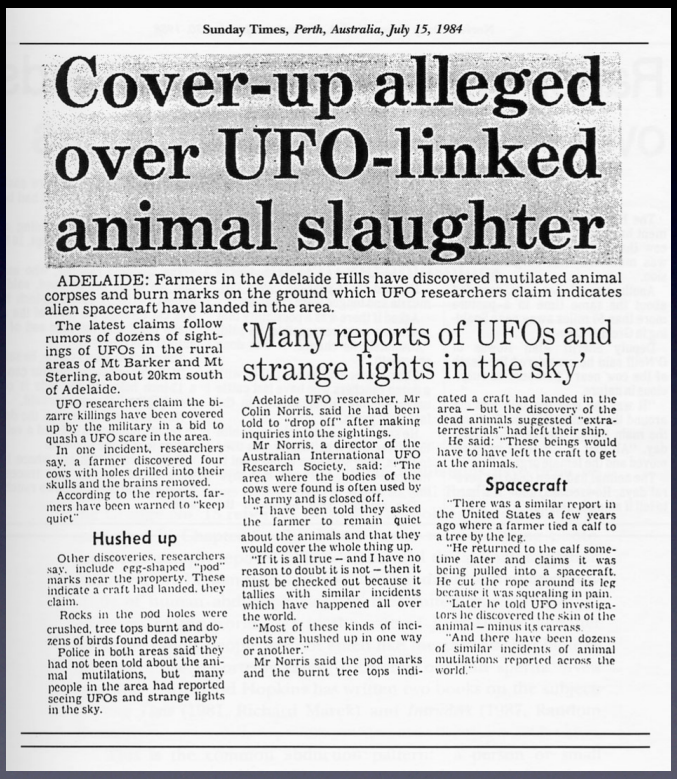
The second night about 4 a.m. the feedlot was well lit and there was plenty of lightning when they saw three "human-like figures" go over the feedlot fence, they told the sheriff later adding that the figures didn't move like humans; they seemed to glide. They called the sheriff's office and within six minutes two cars of officers were there, but the "figures" were nowhere to be found, although there were no cars in the area they could have escaped in.

So far, no cattle mutilations have been reported in Logan County this year, according to the sheriff who finds that the incidences slacken off during colder weather.

"On the other hand, there could be mutilated animals lying out there," he said. "Maybe their owners just haven't found them yet."

Source: *An Alien Harvest*

Evidence: UFO Connection (5)



Sunday Times, *Perth, Australia, July 15, 1984*

Cover-up alleged over UFO-linked animal slaughter

ADELAIDE: Farmers in the Adelaide Hills have discovered mutilated animal corpses and burn marks on the ground which UFO researchers claim indicates alien spacecraft have landed in the area.

The latest claims follow rumors of dozens of sightings of UFOs in the rural areas of Mt Barker and Mt Sterling, about 20km south of Adelaide.

UFO researchers claim the bizarre killings have been covered up by the military in a bid to quash a UFO scare in the area.

In one incident, researchers say, a farmer discovered four cows with holes drilled into their skulls and the brains removed.

According to the reports, farmers have been warned to "keep quiet"

Hushed up

Other discoveries, researchers say, include egg-shaped "pod" marks near the property. These indicate a craft had landed, they claim.

Rocks in the pod holes were crushed, tree tops burnt and dozens of birds found dead nearby

Police in both areas said they had not been told about the animal mutilations, but many people in the area had reported seeing UFOs and strange lights in the sky.

'Many reports of UFOs and strange lights in the sky'

Adelaide UFO researcher, Mr Colin Norris, said he had been told to "drop off" after making inquiries into the sightings.

Mr Norris, a director of the Australian International UFO Research Society, said: "The area where the bodies of the cows were found is often used by the army and is closed off.

"I have been told they asked the farmer to remain quiet about the animals and that they would cover the whole thing up.

"If it is all true – and I have no reason to doubt it is not – then it must be checked out because it tallies with similar incidents which have happened all over the world.

"Most of these kinds of incidents are hushed up in one way or another."

Mr Norris said the pod marks and the burnt tree tops indicated a craft had landed in the area – but the discovery of the dead animals suggested "extra-terrestrials" had left their ship.

He said: "These beings would have to have left the craft to get at the animals.

Spacecraft

"There was a similar report in the United States a few years ago where a farmer tied a calf to a tree by the leg.

"He returned to the calf sometime later and claims it was being pulled into a spacecraft. He cut the rope around its leg because it was squealing in pain.

"Later he told UFO investigators he discovered the skin of the animal – minus its carcass.

"And there have been dozens of similar incidents of animal mutilations reported across the world."

Source: *An Alien Harvest*

Theories

- Basically, there are only five theories:
  (1) Natural causes: predators, lightning, poison, sickness.
  (2) "Crazy" guy with a knife.
  (3) (Satanic) cult activity.
  (4) Covert (U.S.) government activity.
  (5) UFO-related activity.
- Which one fits the evidence the best?
- Let's take a look.

Theories: Natural Causes (1)

Evidence	Confirmed?
No sign of struggle on animal or around it.	No?
No sign of tracks, marks, etc., to and from animal.	No?
Healthy one day. Dead the next.	Yes
Always eyes, ears, genitals, anus, tongue, lips, etc., never other parts.	No
Excision site cut with precision, sometimes serrated.	No
Heat applied to excision site cuts.	No
Almost all blood drained from animal; not enough blood around it.	No
Large bones broken or dislocated.	No
Occasionally found in trees, over fences, in pond, etc.	No

Theories: Natural Causes (2)

Evidence	Confirmed?
Access to animal difficult; i.e., gate locked.	Yes
Abnormally long carcass decay time.	No
Other animals, domestic or wild, stay clear of mutilated animal.	No
Area reports confined to a few weeks.	No?
No one ever convicted or even charged with animal mutilations.	Yes
FBI investigations reveal no cause or culprit.	No
UFOs, strange lights, "bigfoot" creatures, etc., sometimes present.	No
No official investigations have fully satisfied ranchers/farmers.	No

Theories: "Crazy" Guy (1)

Evidence	Confirmed?
No sign of struggle on animal or around it.	No
No sign of tracks, marks, etc., to and from animal.	No
Healthy one day. Dead the next.	Yes
Always eyes, ears, genitals, anus, tongue, lips, etc., never other parts.	No?
Excision site cut with precision, sometimes serrated.	Yes?
Heat applied to excision site cuts.	Yes?
Almost all blood drained from animal; not enough blood around it.	No
Large bones broken or dislocated.	No
Occasionally found in trees, over fences, in pond, etc.	No

Theories: "Crazy" Guy (2)

Evidence	Confirmed?
Access to animal difficult; i.e., gate locked.	No?
Abnormally long carcass decay time.	No
Other animals, domestic or wild, stay clear of mutilated animal.	No
Area reports confined to a few weeks.	Yes
No one ever convicted or even charged with animal mutilations.	No
FBI investigations reveal no cause or culprit.	No
UFOs, strange lights, "bigfoot" creatures, etc., sometimes present.	No
No official investigations have fully satisfied ranchers/farmers.	No

Theories: Cult Activity (1)

Evidence	Confirmed?
No sign of struggle on animal or around it.	Yes?
No sign of tracks, marks, etc., to and from animal.	Yes?
Healthy one day. Dead the next.	Yes
Always eyes, ears, genitals, anus, tongue, lips, etc., never other parts.	Yes
Excision site cut with precision, sometimes serrated.	Yes?
Heat applied to excision site cuts.	Yes?
Almost all blood drained from animal; not enough blood around it.	Yes?
Large bones broken or dislocated.	No
Occasionally found in trees, over fences, in pond, etc.	No

Theories: Cult Activity (2)

Evidence	Confirmed?
Access to animal difficult; i.e., gate locked.	Yes?
Abnormally long carcass decay time.	No
Other animals, domestic or wild, stay clear of mutilated animal.	No
Area reports confined to a few weeks.	Yes
No one ever convicted or even charged with animal mutilations.	No
FBI investigations reveal no cause or culprit.	Yes?
UFOs, strange lights, "bigfoot" creatures, etc., sometimes present.	No
No official investigations have fully satisfied ranchers/farmers.	Yes?

Theories: Covert Activity (1)

Evidence	Confirmed?
No sign of struggle on animal or around it.	Yes?
No sign of tracks, marks, etc., to and from animal.	Yes?
Healthy one day. Dead the next.	Yes
Always eyes, ears, genitals, anus, tongue, lips, etc., never other parts.	Yes
Excision site cut with precision, sometimes serrated.	Yes?
Heat applied to excision site cuts.	Yes?
Almost all blood drained from animal; not enough blood around it.	Yes?
Large bones broken or dislocated.	Yes?
Occasionally found in trees, over fences, in pond, etc.	Yes?

Theories: Covert Activity (2)

Evidence	Confirmed?
Access to animal difficult; i.e., gate locked.	Yes
Abnormally long carcass decay time.	No?
Other animals, domestic or wild, stay clear of mutilated animal.	No?
Area reports confined to a few weeks.	Yes
No one ever convicted or even charged with animal mutilations.	Yes
FBI investigations reveal no cause or culprit.	Yes
UFOs, strange lights, "bigfoot" creatures, etc., sometimes present.	No
No official investigations have fully satisfied ranchers/farmers.	Yes

Theories: UFO Activity (1)

Evidence	Confirmed?
No sign of struggle on animal or around it.	Yes?
No sign of tracks, marks, etc., to and from animal.	Yes
Healthy one day. Dead the next.	Yes
Always eyes, ears, genitals, anus, tongue, lips, etc., never other parts.	Yes?
Excision site cut with precision, sometimes serrated.	Yes?
Heat applied to excision site cuts.	Yes
Almost all blood drained from animal; not enough blood around it.	Yes?
Large bones broken or dislocated.	Yes
Occasionally found in trees, over fences, in pond, etc.	Yes

Theories: UFO Activity (2)

Evidence	Confirmed?
Access to animal difficult; i.e., gate locked.	Yes
Abnormally long carcass decay time.	Yes
Other animals, domestic or wild, stay clear of mutilated animal.	Yes
Area reports confined to a few weeks.	Yes
No one ever convicted or even charged with animal mutilations.	Yes
FBI investigations reveal no cause or culprit.	Yes
UFOs, strange lights, "bigfoot" creatures, etc., sometimes present.	Yes
No official investigations have fully satisfied ranchers/farmers.	Yes

Conclusion

- The theories in order of increasing plausibility when all the evidence is considered are:

  (1) Natural causes: predators, lightning, poison, sickness.

  (2) "Crazy" guy with a knife.

  (3) (Satanic) cult activity.

  (4) Covert (U.S.) government activity.

  (5) UFO-related activity.

- Only UFOs really fit all the facts and evidence. But authorities can't acknowledge this. Thus, animal mutilations will remain officially a mystery.

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